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SUBJECT: MARITIME OFFICERS UNION JOINS PROTEST AGAINST ITF

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1. ANOTHER AFFILIATE OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT WORKERS' FEDERATION (ITF), THE MARITIME UNION OF INDIA, HAS PROTESTED THE AUGUST 13 CIRCULAR LETTER OF THE ITF (REFTEL). IN A TELEGRAM TO THE ITF,MANIBEN KARA, THE PRESIDENT OF THE ORGANIZATION OF MERCHANT MARINE OFFICERS, AND K.P. KOLAH, THE GENERAL SECRETARY, EXPRESSED THEIR RESENTMENT OF THE "INSINUATIONS AGAINST OUR GOVERNMENT" AND DEMANDED WITHDRAWAL OF THE CIRCULAR "TO AVOID WORSENING OF RELATIONS BETWEEN ITF AND ITS INDIAN AFFILIATES." MANIBEN KARA IS PRINCIPALLY KNOWN AS A LEADER OF THE ALL INDIA RAILWAYMEN'S FEDERATION
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WHICH HAS NOT PROTESTED THE ITF LETTER.

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2. V.B. KARNIK, INDIAN LABOR HISTORIAN AND CLOSE ASSOCIATE
OF MANIBEN KRA, WRITING IN THE SEPTEMBER 6 EDITION OF
THE "ECONOMIC TIMES," EXPLAINED THE PROBLEM WHICH THE
ITF HAS CAUSED ITS INDIAN AFFILIATES: THE PROTESTS
AGAINST THE ITF CIRCULAR "SHOULD PROVIDE A LESSON TO ALL
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.THEY CANNOT HELP THEIR
BROTHER WORKERS IN OTHER LANDS BY ILL-TEMPERED ABUSE
OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THEIR COUNTRIES. THEY MUST IN THE
FIRST INSTANCE COLLECT CORRECT INFORMATION AND NEXT EXPRESS
THEIR REACTIONS IN SOBER AND DIGNIFIED LANGUAGE.INDIAN
UNIONS HAVE TO FACE A DIFFICULT TIME. EXAGGERATED AND
DISTORTED PICTUREOF THE CONDITIONS IN THE COUNTRY DOES
NOT HELP THEM IN DISCHARGING THEIR RESPONSI-
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